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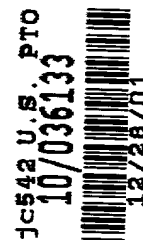
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New U.S. Patent Application
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR EXTRACTING THE
HIGH PART OF A FLOATING POINT OPERAND
Inventors: Guy L. Steele Jr.



Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application- 33 pages, including 3 independent claims and 24 claims total.
2. Drawings- 13 sheets of drawings (Figures 1-13).
3. Declaration and Power of Attorney.
4. Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Assignment to Sun Microsystems, Inc.
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Basic Application Filing Fee					\$740	\$ 740.00
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6. The total fee is \$852.00. This fee includes:

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Applicant claims the right to priority based on Provisional Patent Application No. 60/293,173 filed May 25, 2001.

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Please accord this application an application number and filing date and record and return the Assignment to the undersigned.

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